

Opposition to HB05653 AAE an Excise Tax on Ammunition

I am writing in opposition to HB05653. This punitive excise tax targets legal law-abiding gun owners who use their firearms for hunting, target shooting, or self-defense. I believe that to tax only a small number of individuals for a singular purpose is not only unfair but might also be unconstitutional. This excise tax on ammunition makes it more expensive for people to purchase ammunition, limiting their ability to exercise their Second Amendment rights. Additionally, this tax disproportionately affects low-income gun owners. Many people may not be able to afford the increased costs of ammunition, also infringing on their ability to exercise their Second Amendment rights.

A punitive tax on ammunition does little to address the complex causes of gun violence: drugs, poverty, mental illness, and lack of opportunity for many of our youth to mention a few. Instead of punishing law-abiding gun owners with this unfair tax on ammunition, please focus on addressing the real causes of gun violence. Enforce the laws now not being enforced to keep felons off the streets.

Respectfully,

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